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The communication filed May 6,1997  APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THE DA RESPONSE SET IN THE LAST OFFICE ACTION (WI	ATE OF THIS LETTER OR UNTIL THE I	EXPIRATION OF THE PERIOD FOR
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## Response to Amendment

The communication filed on May 6, 1997 is non-responsive to the prior Office action 1. because additional information is requested on the "non-obviousness" of the particular combination of Charpty Notch toughness and the Rockwell Hardness. How is this combination of values (such as a hardness of between 48 and 55 and a least 15 ft. lb. - for example in claim 3) 'unique'?.

Since the response appears to be bona fide, but through an apparent oversight or inadvertence failed to provide a complete response, applicant is required to complete the response within a TIME LIMIT of ONE MONTH from the date of this letter or within the time remaining in the response period of the last Office action, whichever is longer. NO EXTENSION OF THIS TIME LIMIT MAY BE GRANTED UNDER EITHER 37 CFR 1.136(a) OR (b), but the period for response set in the last office action may be extended up to a maximum of SIX MONTHS.

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## Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner Terry Melius at telephone number (703) 308-2168. (The Examiner can normally be contacted any time Monday - Thursday.)

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